CHAP. 34. prejudice, assess the damages sustained by the person or persons at whose request such inquisition shall be taken, by reason of opening said road through his, her or their land, and the persons so summoned and sworn snall thereupon proceed to value and assess. the damages accordingly, of which the said petitioners, or some one of them, shall have five days previous notice at the least, and such inquisition shall be final and conclusive between the parties.

Road not to go through buildings, lay out or open the said road through the buildings, gardens, yards, ago on the said road through the buildings, gardens, yards, ago or persons, without his or their 4. And BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall not orchards or meadows, of any person or persons, without his or their consent.

Passed Dec. 31.

CHAP. XXXV. A Supplement to an act,\* entitled, An act to incorporate the Baltimore Equitable Society for insuring Houses from loss by fire. Lib. JG. No. 4, fol. 42.

General meeting of members may be held.

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That there shall be a general meeting of the members of this society on the first Monday in April every year, or oftener, if the directors for the time being shall think fit, or any twenty members insuring to the value of ten thousand pounds or upwards shall require the same, at which general meetings all the members of the society shall have a right and liberty to be present; of which general meetings, and of the matters therein intended to be moved, proposed or transacted, notice shall be given by the directors, at least seven days before the times of such meetings, in one or more of the public newspapers, or otherwise, as they shall see fit; which general meetings shall be capable of acting and managing the affairs of the society that shall then come before them, and they shall begin an hour at least after the time appointed for meeting, and shall choose a chairman, and after the choice of a chairman, shall continue for the space of one hour at least; and if any chairman of the said general meetings shall refuse or neglect to put or offer to the consideration and determination of the said general meetings any question or matter which shall be then and there proposed, seconded and insisted on, then the general meeting shall, and they are hereby empowered, to choose another chairman in the room of him so refusing or neglecting as aforesaid; and all and every of the said general meetings may and they are hereby declared to have full power and authority to consider, creat of and determine, concerning all or any the matters and things relating to the said society, and the support, preservation and good order thereof, and to alter and amend the present articles, and make any additional articles which may be deemed conducive to the prosperity of the society, at all which meetings the determination of a majority of the members present shall be conclusive and binding on the whole society.

Article repealed.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the twenty-second article of the original act of incorporation, and to which this is a supplement, be and the same is hereby repealed.